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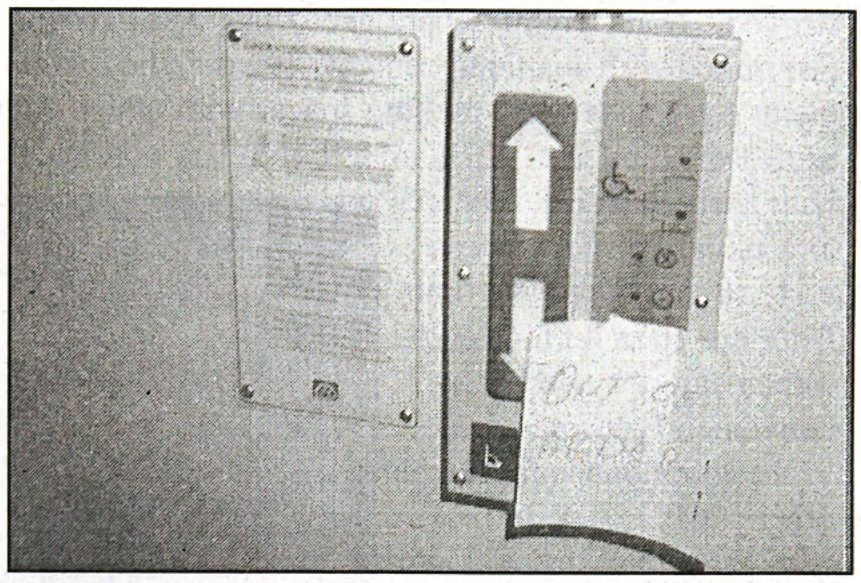


Jay Kubica
Copy Editor

Handicap access to buildings at institutions, such as Saint Leo University, is required by federal law. Saint Leo does its best to comply with the regulation, but equipment failures can make this task difficult. Recently, the handicap access to Saint Edward Hall's upper floors has been compromised.

In Saint Edward, handicap access is provided by a wheelchair lift. This lift has ceased to function. "Plant is aware of it and working on it," Dr. Karen Hahn, Director of ADA Student Support Services, said, "In the meantime, faculty will make other arrangements."

Jim Killmeyer, Director of Physical Plant, is in the process of repairing the lift. "The wheelchair is being repaired. It's got a bad motor," Killmeyer said. The main problem in fixing the lift was in finding a supplier that carried replacement parts. "Now that we have an access, we should be able to service it more often," Killmeyer said. The wheelchair lift is expected to be operational shortly.

The wheelchair lift has had problems operating since its installation. "It was a noble effort to satisfy a need, but was never really successful," Dr. Kurt van Wilt said.

Plans have been made to improve handicap access within Saint Edward, however. "We're in the process of renovating the buildings and part of the renovations will be an elevator," Killmeyer stated. Also, handicap ramps will be installed on the south side of Saint Edward Hall in the near future.

Best Selling Author Visits Campus

Jennifer Hawley
Assistant Editor

On February 2, 2000, Saint Leo University's University College Campus was treated to a truly memorable literary event. At 7:00 p.m., in a nearly full Selby Auditorium, best-selling author Connie Mae Fowler gave a reading of her works and discussion on her thoughts on the art of writing. This event, sponsored by the *Tampa Tribune*, was entitled "Muse, Magic, Mendacity: Where Writing Comes From." Ms. Fowler defined mendacity as a "deep, deep core belief that's unshakable." She said of writing, "Writing for me is like breathing—I do it automatically . . . . We write because we have to . . . we write because, for some of us, writing is life itself."

Ms. Fowler found an escape from an abusive childhood in the stories of her sister. At this time in her life, she "disappeared into words," and she "fell in love with language" and all of its idiosyncrasies. Books gave her both role models and hope. Her book *Before Women Had Wings*, which was made into a television movie by Oprah, depicts her early "hellish" existence. Her new book, *Remembering Blue*, tells the story of a newly widowed woman dealing with the death of her husband: "A wife's intuition is rivaled only by a widow's."

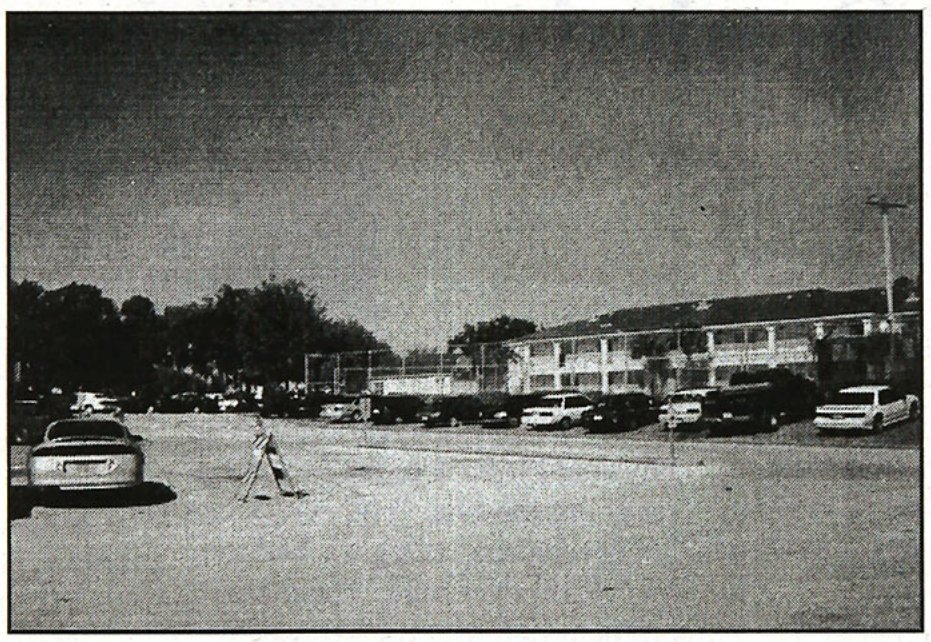
Ms. Fowler is "giving something back" through her extensive involvement with the Women With Wings Foundation. This foundation attempts to provide shelter and assistance for battered women and abused children with a building fund for Refuge House in Tallahassee, Florida. Saint Leo and the Tampa Tribune took the opportunity to donate $500.00 to this worthy cause.

Sophomore Allison Myatt said this about the event, "She was very interesting, and she enlightened me that nothing is too personal to write about." Ms. Fowler had this message for Saint Leo University's student body: "I think that, no matter what your major is or what you're going to do with your life, books and art will give you a sense of humanity and comfort that will make your life a better place."

EDITORIAL

Where Has All the Parking Gone?

A new extra-curricular activity exists at Saint Leo University. It's called "Looking for a Parking Space." Parking has been scarce all year, but recently the situation really took a turn for the worse. Thanks to the construction of the new Chiller Plant, a number of parking spaces have been either blocked off or destroyed. That's right: where once there was parking, there are now just yellow warning tapes and big piles of dirt mixed with shattered cement. It would be logical to assume that the administration would make arrangements to replace these parking spaces with others equally convenient, but this has not been the case. Students, professors, and staff alike are left with few options, none of them good: 1)they can leave half an hour to an hour early and spend the extra time driving in circles until a space opens up, 2)they can leave early so that they have time to make the long trek from the grass lot located by the baseball field, 3)they can risk a ticket by parking illegally on conveniently located grass or pavement. None of these options is fair to the students, teachers, or other staff.



The parking problem is particularly serious for commuters. People who drive from Tampa, Hudson, Spring Hill, Ocala, or even more distant locales should not have to spend twenty minutes looking for a parking space and ten minutes walking from the distant lots or fields in which they must finally park. It is unfair to ask these students, or any students, to add thirty minutes or more to their travel time because they must undertake the great "quest for parking." Many students arrive at Saint Leo on time, only to come late class because of the construction and resultant parking chaos—some are made late because they can find nowhere to park legally, while others are tardy because they must escape from a parking lot "trap." A parking lot trap results when one end of a parking aisle is blocked off without warning. Unsuspecting students must back up long distances to escape from this trap. Resident students are not exempt from this problem. The residence hall parking lots have been affected, both by closures and by overflow from other lots.

This parking problem doesn't just adversely affect students—more than one teacher has been late or very nearly late because the places in which they are accustomed to park are either a pile of rubble or have been appropriated by students with nowhere else to go. Sometimes the only way to be on time is to park illegally. The lack of warning about new construction sites and the lack of direction to alternative parking doesn't help either. If the university needs suggestions for possible new parking areas, I have a few: 1)the grass area near to Saint Edward Hall—its good enough for the Trustees when they visit—, 2)on the grass inside of the circle—it is deemed good enough for conference attendees—, 3)the grassy hill adjacent to the gym and tennis courts, 4)the grass in front of the McDonald Center.

The mission statement published within the Saint Leo University catalogue says, "To accomplish its mission, the University community creates a student-centered environment in which love of learning is of prime importance." Apparently, **"love of learning"** doesn't include getting to class on time and **"student-centered"** doesn't include parking.

By: Jennifer Hawley, Assistant Editor

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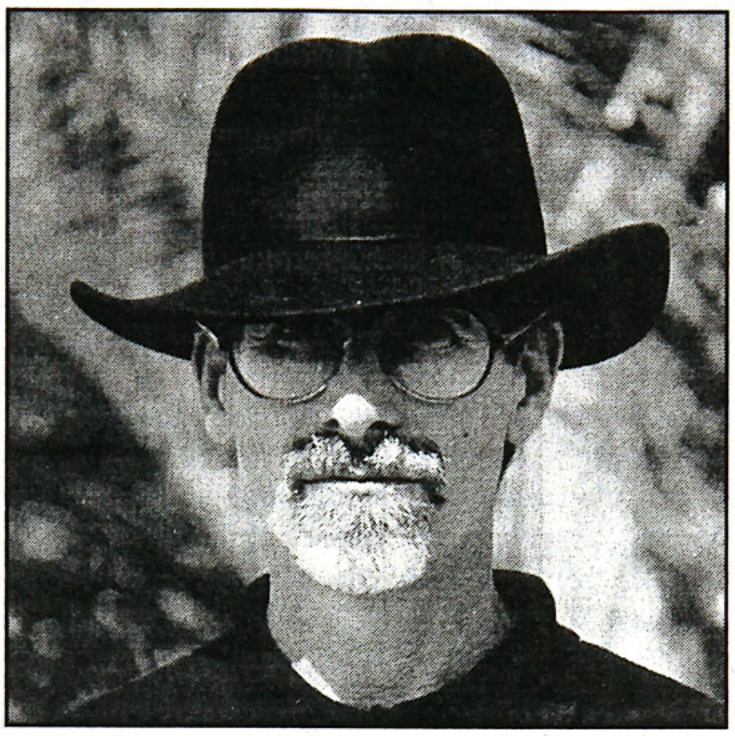
Faculty Profile: Dr. Van Wilt



Janice Burford
Staff Writer

He likes to tell jokes. It's the first thing he does in class. He always seems to have a new batch of jokes everyday. It seems to be a way to loosen up the students, and in a way, illustrates the Saint Leo ideal of teacher-student interaction.

There is more to Mr. Kurt van Wilt than meets the eye. He got his Bachelor of Arts at Queens College, NY. He then went to Mexico to start on his Master of Arts in Writing, but he finished at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. This is where he met his wife Denise. He received his Masters of Fine Arts in writing at Norwich University in 1993. He is now currently pursuing a Doctorate from a university in England.

It is interesting to note that Kurt has been teaching at Saint Leo for 19 years. During his time at Saint Leo, he had the time to observe the ever-changing student population. Of the English students he has encountered, he contemplated, "Some students work as writers; teaching in high school; and writing for self, published poetry, short stories, and plays in credible journals and magazines…many students are talented writers, good storytellers with a nice sense of music…they all achieve different types of success."

Student reaction about Kurt van Wilt was interesting. Probably the most cryptic, and yet most complimentary, was from Chris Cieszynski, a sophomore. When asked what he thought of Kurt van Wilt, he responded, "Someplace deep inside him, vast amounts of tea and chi combine to make Kurt truly interesting and original - one of the most unique and enrolling men on campus." When asked what he meant by "enrolling", Chris explained, "It means we become a part of his conversations and life. When he teaches, the students become more than students - they are participants."

This semester he is teaching four courses in English/humanities: Integrated Arts, Academic Writing II Honors, Creative Writing II, and Independent Writing. This variety allows him to interact with students from all levels of learning. When asked how he felt about the variety of students he teaches, he just smiled. For many students, that smile says a lot.

Student Profile: Shan Anderson

Janice Burford
Staff Writer

Shan Anderson has been an active member of the Saint Leo community ever since she set foot on campus. Perhaps this is because she was an active athlete and student back in high school. She was a captain of her high school volleyball team for her entire high school career. She was voted Most Valuable Player from 1994-1995 and 1996-1997. She made the All Academic Team from 1994-1998. She was in the All State competition in 1997-1998, and a participant of the Volleyball Junior Olympics, held in Dallas, Texas, in 1998. Shan was also been involved in the Black Issues Forum at Colorado State University in 1997.

At Saint Leo, Shan did not stop being involved in student activities. She has been on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Student Life Committee for Pub Development, Honors Council Representative, and a member of the Honors Committee. She has also been involved with the Saint Leo Volleyball team since her freshman year.

When asked what her goals were in life, she responded, "First, as a student, to pursue a career as either a English high school teacher or as a English professor. As a human being, to remain goal-oriented and actively involved in the world community around me."

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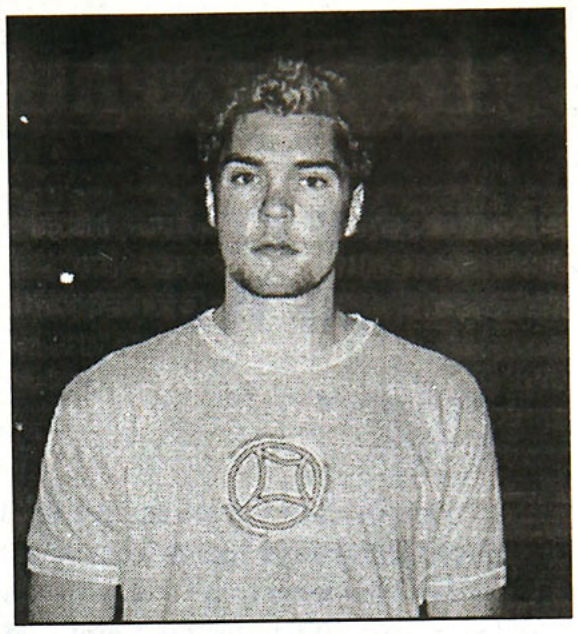
Senior Basketball Player Shoots for Top



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Saint Leo University's basketball team plays host to a truly remarkable athlete. Brett Slaughter, number twelve, plays the position of a Senior Guard for the Lions. His sports career began in high school, where he played football, tennis, and volleyball, as well as basketball. Originally from Australia, this is his fourth year playing for Saint Leo, and he is a great asset to his team. This Business Administration major has a very impressive sports record: he leads Saint Leo in career three-pointers, he started in all 27 games last season, and he was placed on the SSC Commissioners' Honor Roll. The list goes on and on: 44 points and 16 rebounds in a single game, in top 6 of career assists, and leading in career free throw percentage. Perhaps most impressive, however, he is currently fifth on the list of Saint Leo's all-time point scoring leaders, with 1572 points. He graduates this year and played his last home game on Saturday, February 19, 2000, where he was honored in a ceremony prior to the game.

Mr. Slaughter had this to say about his time on Saint Leo's team: "Four years is a long time being here, and I've got a lot of good memories . . . . My impact on the place is something I'm proud of." For the immediate future, he said, "I'm concentrating on the Conference Championship next weekend. I need to be back in Australia by November because my sister is getting married." He went on to say that he would like to stay in basketball, but all of those plans remain up in the air for now. His parting words to Saint Leo: "G'day."

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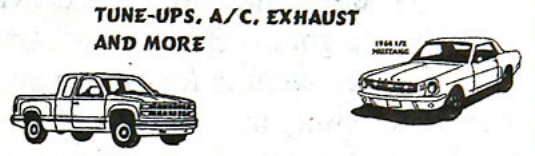

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Academic Dishonesty

Jay Kubica
Copy Editor

Academic dishonesty, i.e. cheating, is a reality on college campuses, including that of Saint Leo University. In the last two years, the Academic Standards Committee has been very busy. "I don't think we're a campus that doesn't have that [cheating]. I think every university has to contend with it," Dr. Mary Spoto, a former member of the Academic Standards Committee, said.

The students of Saint Leo agree that cheating exists on campus. "I would honestly say that most people cheat in one way or another," Freshman Sean Marshall said. Other students take a slightly different view on the number of cheating incidents at Saint Leo. "Most people take shortcuts, but [only] some fullfledged cheat," Freshman Renee Durette said. "I'd like to believe that a large percentage don't [cheat]," Jennifer Marcoux, freshman, stated.

The reasons for academic dishonesty—from getting term papers off the Internet—to cheating on a test, vary with the individual. There are a few common reasons, however, why students at Saint Leo cheat. "Anywhere from students having a lack of initiative or good work ethic to having less time to study," Dr. Spoto said. Freshman Sean Marshall added,"I think a lot of people feel they don't have time to get everything done and think cheating is the only option. Of course, a lot of people are just lazy too."

Regardless of the reasons for cheating, it remains an unacceptable behavior, with serious consequences. "I think cheating is a lack of integrity. Some people choose to cheat and others don't," Dr. Christopher Cronin said. The Student Handbook, available on the Saint Leo website, at www.saintleo.edu, states: "The minimum sanction for the first offense is an 'F' for the test or assignment, but the usual sanction is an 'F' in the course in which the violation took place." Sanctions increase for a second offense, with the minimum being an 'F' in the course, and the usual being suspension from Saint Leo. "More often than not, the committee decides upon the usual sanction rather than the minimum," Dr. Spoto said. However, each case is heard and decided on an individual basis, to make sure students are treated fairly.

The cure for academic dishonesty seems to lie in increased communication with students. "I don't think students are aware of disciplinary action that is taken when they cheat," Dr. Cronin said. "There should be some way of informing students when individuals cheat."

Academic dishonesty may exist at Saint Leo, but it is not something that faculty or students must accept as unavoidable. "Our hope is that we create a learning environment where the students don't want to cheat," Dr. Spoto said.

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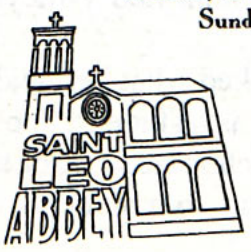

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

On Monday, January 31st a section of the cafeteria was closed off during dinner. Well, behind closed doors was a groundbreaking ceremony that will affect all of Saint Leo University, and beyond. This ceremony was to initiate the construction of a new Chiller Plant and generator on campus. This action is in partnership with the Tampa Bay Trane Corporation and marks an important step towards Saint Leo's growth.

The Chiller Plant and generator are intended to help the occupants of this school have greater control of comfort, in many aspects. As a matter of fact, because of an agreement with TECO Energy the school can lose power at any vital moment. Saint Leo entered into this agreement because it saved the school money. But, in the long run, this was not advantageous. For example, last year during exam week power was lost. Now, by adding this plant and generator the school will be able to supply energy when TECO cannot. A positive result of this change is that now Saint Leo University can be considered a hurricane disaster relief center. Joe Spencer, student, said, "I think it's great that not only the university, but also the community, will benefit from the generator." As Ben Donatelli, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Business Affairs, put it, "We have made a problem into a solution and now into an advantage."

But being a relief center is not the only benefit of this project. It will offer indefinite room for expansion of the campus, greater comfort for all residence and staff, a higher quality of health, a safer living environment, and a helping to the natural environment. This project will lower operation costs and possibly even tuition. Normandy Ward noted, "To improve the education atmosphere, the school is trying to accommodate students in the most cost effective way." By building this generator we are not only helping the Saint Leo community, but the planet, as well. Right now global warming continues to occur. The use of fossil fuels causes the massive amounts of CO2, which results in global warming. This generator will keep 125,000 trees from being cut down.

Quite noticeably, construction has begun. The new Chiller Plant and generator are being placed near Security where the tennis courts used to be. This project will be under way for nearly 500 days to avoid as much intrusion as possible. As soon as exams are finished Lewis and Crawford Halls will be the first to encounter renovation. Then the construction will move on to Saint Edward Hall, Saint Francis Hall, and the Library. Two of the residence halls will see all new climate control and energy management over the summer and the Library will be receiving better lighting. Of course, there will be a few inconveniences for all. Problems already visible are traffic, parking, moving of offices, treading on the grass, and some noise. "They should assign designated parking areas while construction is going on; we never know where we can park without getting a ticket," commented commuter Amy Hutson. Areas that are closed off or may present problems are to be posted on the school web-site. That fact will appease student Fatima Turray who stated, "I think it would be nice if they would tell us what was going on." All that is being asked for is some patience, a small price to pay for such a development. With Father Michael's blessing over the project, it is sure to be a success.

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Concert Review: *Dropkick Murphys*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

A large number of punk rock kids standing around listening to an Irish folk song over a PA system. How does this picture fit? Well, it does if you were at the Dropkick Murphys' show on January 27.

Boston's Dropkick Murphys played at the State Theater in St. Petersburg. The opening acts were Tommy and the Terrors, Hudson Falcon, and Toe to Toe. The band Tommy and the Terrors was a great way to start the concert. The crowd was really excited and responded well to this punk rock band. The next act was Hudson Falcon. The band members had to be in their forties, and the kids in the audience, most of whom were teens, did not let this get away unnoticed. Hudson Falcon did, however prove themselves with a Social Distortion (an old school band) sound aimed at the working class. Finally, before the header, was Toe to Toe. This is a band out of Australia with a really loud sound. One might even consider them hard core. By the end of Toe to Toe's set everyone was waiting for Dropkick Murphys to make their entrance, and what an entrance it would be.

Loud claps and hollers filled the room as Dropkick Murphys appeared on stage. They opened their show with an old Irish folk song followed by a young girl playing the bagpipes. To follow this was an amazing set of punk rock tunes with an Irish folk music element. They played songs such as "The Gang's All Here," which had the audience singing along and "Bar Room Hero," their first song they had ever written. The show did not have many crowd surfers and the "mosh pit" was under control. It was a super show that combined old school with new school punk for a great sound. Just when everyone thought it was over, Dropkick Murphys returned to do an encore.

Hellcat Records is really proud of Dropkick Murphys and plan to keep them on their label as long as they can, already having three full-length cds with them. Dropkick Murphys are planning to record a new cd this winter, but there is no release date yet. Freshman Mary Martinez explains, "I really wanted to go to the show [Dropkick Murphys], but I had no money. They are such a great band."

Movie Review: *Boys Don't Cry*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

An independent movie is one that is low budget while having a strong message. Usually, independent filmmakers are trying to tell the audience a story with substance as opposed to one that has a weak plot and expensive special effects. Tampa Theater is a remarkable movie house that plays independent movies. Recently they showed a movie called *Boys Don't Cry*. It did not receive much mainstream attention , and opening night did not even sell-out. Yet, *Boys Don't Cry* has been critically acclaimed as "one of the best films of the year." Hilary Swank, who played the main character of the movie, recently received Best Actress at the Golden Globe awards.

In April 1994 there was a young girl, age 20, who was raped and killed in Nebraska. It was said to be a hate crime because Brandon Teena was really Teena Brandon. Teena Brandon lived the life of a boy; all she wanted was to be a boy. She had an "identity crisis" as they say, and she died for it.

Kimberly Peirce, director, had taken some graduate film classes at Columbia in New York. She had never put them to much use until she heard the story of Teena Brandon. She was so overwhelmed by the story, she decided to direct the movie about this young girl. Kimberly Peirce had to find the right person. When she finally found Hilary Swank, she was assured this was the right person. Hilary Swank had to live as a man for four weeks prior to filming *Boys Don't Cry*. This included going everywhere dressed as a man and using the men's room.

So, the story of Teena Brandon was told. Her life in a trailer park where she dressed like a man. Her journey to find a girl to love her. The movie captures you so that you do not see a woman, Teena Brandon, but a man, Brandon Teena. Brandon finds love with Lana Tisdell (Chlo' Sevigny). Lana accepts Brandon and loves him through everything. Throughout the story, Brandon makes friends, and these friends turn out to be the ones who kill him.

This movie is true to life. These stories happen everyday. The purpose of this movie is to stop the hate. We must learn to accept people for whom they want to be.

Music Review: *Beastie Boys*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

"You gotta fight!..For your right…." Anyone who has ever heard of the group Beastie Boys can fill in the song lyrics with "to party." This song along with forty others can be found on *Sounds of Science*. This anthology album is a great collection of a sample of the Beastie Boys career.

The Beastie Boys are a trio of Mike D., MCA, and Ad- Rock from the Bronx. The origins of the Beastie Boys date back to 1981 when they started out as a punk group. The "B- Boys" slowly transformed themselves into a hip- hop group with punk roots, and they have even put out a jazz album, *The In Sound from Way Out*. Today, there is no single label that can describe the wide range of music the Beastie Boys sample and play.

Groups such as Black Flag, Run D.M.C., Grandmaster Flash, and James Brown have influenced the Beastie Boys. Drawing from these influences, they paved the way for many "white boys" to start performing hip-hop tunes. Such bands as Cypress Hill, The Roots and The Chemical Brothers look to the Beastie Boys as their influences.

The *Sounds of Science* is a double compact disc. It is not only a greatest hits album but also a collection of unreleased songs. The new single, *Alive,* also appears on this cd. Accompanying *Sounds of Science* is an eighty-page booklet.This cd is great for fans because it samples songs from their whole body of work and serves as a good introduction for people interested in learning more about the Beastie Boys.

Theatre Playhouse 90

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

The cast of Theatre Playhouse 90 has given Saint Leo University four new reasons to visit Selby Auditorium this semester. Theatre Playhouse 90 usually presents two plays in the first semester: one at Fall Family Festival and one around Christmas. Usually, they present two to three productions in the spring; this time they have stepped it up a bit. Member Billy Floyd stated, "Since my freshman year, theatre at Saint Leo has come so far. With the help of Dr. Budd and David Strauss, the theatre has packed houses just about every performance. In a few more years, Saint Leo won't only be known as a liberal arts university. It'll have a theater program like no other."

Last month on February 24th and 25th Playhouse 90 presented "Shattered," a play written by a student. Writer Amber Ernest comments that this play is a "tale of love and writing, shattered by needs and desires. Zachary Taylor is a poet struggling with his craft, unable to write without his talisman, which he does not even know exists. Victoria Knight is the amazing, mysterious, young woman he latches onto. 'Shattered' is their tale." For extra, Jonas Verhoff, this play is his first presentation at Saint Leo. He stated, "I never knew Saint Leo had so much talent and creativity in the arts."

On March 23rd and 24th two plays will be shown. First up is "Hawthorne in Hell," written by alumna, Kelly Kohn. It is the story of an intriguing high school romantic mix-up. It shows classroom confusion and misinterpretation of the language of love. Following will be "The Acting Class," a small play by David Golden, Ph.D., former director of theatre here at Saint Leo. This play is the story of an acting class, as the title reveals. It stars an acting teacher who is, well let's say, much less than nice. She continually attacks the sole male actor in the class. He finally gets fed up with it and plots to do a skit in which he pulls a gun. What happens next? Well, go to Theatre Playhouse on March 23rd or 24th and find out.

Also, premiering sometime in mid-April is "Standing to Reason," written by student, David Strauss. This is his first attempt at a full-length tragedy. He relays the story of a writer who struggles between his writing and his wife.

With such an exciting bill, no one should miss out. Be sure to make an appearance at the Theatre this semester and keep your eyes peeled for reviews. More to come!

Alumni Reunion 2000

Heidi Huff
Staff Writer

Soon to visit Saint Leo University's college campus will be the cast and crew of "Reunion 2000," the "film" about all of us. From March 16th through the 19th, St. Leo alumni will return once again to our beautiful campus. During this time they will be making and starring in a film containing bits and pieces of personal memories about Saint Leo. Alumni can even help write the script with the following suggestions: favorite college year's song, Saint Leo personality, organizations, clubs, hobbies, "hang out," best professor, and humorous incidents.

The film is just one of the attractions of Reunion 2000. The objective is for alumni to revisit their alma mater, catch up with old friends, and enjoy a time of fellowship. Many exciting festivities and events are planned that everyone is sure to enjoy. Among the amusements planned are a tennis tournament, several receptions, baseball and softball games, and a gala dinner and dance. There will also be a first-annual golf tournament at Lake Jovita Country Club. During the course of the weekend, many musical talents will take the stage. On Friday night three different presentations will occur. These are the faculty band, an Irish band, and Freddy White. A DJ will also be spinning. On Saturday night at the gala dinner and dance there will be a live band: DeLeon will be playing. Since this event takes place over Saint Patrick's day weekend, alumni are encouraged not only to participate on campus but also to take part in the celebrative activities in the area.

Along with activities, there will be a raffle and silent auction. The prize for the raffle is a five day, four night trip to England. Tickets will be priced at one for $10 or 3 for $25, a small price to pay for the chance to win such a trip. There will also be a silent auction: alumni will be bidding on cruises for as many as twelve people, museum tickets, memberships to the Tampa Theatre, a trip to the Pro Player Stadium in Miami, and several hotel stays and flights across the U. S. In addition to that great merchandise there is apparel, signed memorabilia from athletes and members of the government, and a flag that was flown over the Capitol.

This special weekend is not just for alumni; it is also intended to get current students involved. Friday from 5-7 in the cafeteria there will be "brag tables" for clubs and organizations on campus. On Thursday the 24th of February students got together and competed in making welcome signs to place on the university drive. Results of the competition will be posted during alumni weekend. Sigma Lambda will also be getting involved. They have plans to repaint their bridge—the walkway from Marmion and Snyder dorms. They will be rededicating it and adding a plaque. Vice President of sororities, Kiara Wilson, is excited about this upcoming event. She said, "It will be interesting because we will get to meet alumni that we have only learned about. It will be nice to finally put names with faces."

Several hundred alumni and their families have made plans to visit the campus, and the numbers are still rising. But with such a slow response organizers are finding it hard to plan specifics for the activities. Last year the turnout was approximately 300. This time around, the planners expect a higher attendance because better events have been planned and the reunion falls on Saint Patrick's day weekend. For all of those students still at Saint Leo, make sure to take the time to talk with the alumni. Regardless of how long ago they graduated from this school, they are sure to have many interesting stories about "when they were your age."

Sports Update

SOFTBALL

Perfect Night... It was a perfect night last Thursday at University Field. After the lights were turned on for the University's first on-campus, night game, Desiree Croteau kicked off the season by pitching a perfect game. The junior right-hander from Land O' Lakes struck out 15 as Saint Leo opened the 2000 campaign with a 3-0 win over Warner Southern. It is the second straight season Croteau has started with a perfect game as she also began 1999 by tossing a perfect game. It was the first night game ever played on the Saint Leo campus. A new lighting system was installed at the Saint Leo softball field in the off-season, making night play on campus possible this year. A dedication ceremony was held on the field before the game. Saint Leo University president Dr. Arthur F. Kirk Jr., Tampa Electric president John Ramil and TECO representatives were on hand to dedicate the new lights.

Saint Leo 3, Warner Southern 0... Offensively, Jennifer Shirley went 2-for-3 with an RBI to help lead the Lions to the season opening victory over the Royals. The Lions picked up all three runs in the third inning on a two-RBI double by Jamie Martin and an RBI single by Shirley.

Saint Leo 4, Warner Southern 1... The Lions collected 10 hits in the nightcap on Thursday, three be Emily Serra and two each by Sabrina Price and Kristin Alvarez. In her college debut, freshman Lacey Hardesty allowed one run and scattered four hits while striking out six for the victory. Alvarez had an RBI single in the second inning while Emily Serra, who went 3-for-3, had a two-RBI single in the fifth. After the Royals scored in the top of the sixth inning, Alvarez scored the final run when Price reached on an error.

Saint Leo 6-5, St. Thomas 0-4... In the first game, Desiree Croteau allowed three hits and struck out 10 over six innings as the Lions rolled to a 6-0 victory over St. Thomas. Jennifer Shirley went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Sabrina Price added three hits for the Lions. In the second game, Alissa Leef scored on an error in the bottom of the ninth inning as Saint Leo escaped with a 5-4 win. Lacy Hardesty grabbed the win in relief, allowing one run on four hits over five and two-thirds.

Lions Sweep Player of the Week Awards.... Saint Leo swept the softball Player and Pitcher of the Week awards in the Sunshine State Conference last week. Desiree Croteau was named the Publix Pitcher-of-the-Week after going 2-0 with 25 strikeouts and a perfect game in two starts. The junior from Wesley Chapel, FL did not allow a run and gave up just three hits over 13 innings. Jennifer Shirley was named the Publix Player-of-the-Week after going 6-for-15 (.400) over the first four games of the season. The Tampa, FL resident drove in five runs in helping the Lions to four wins.

UNF Up Next... Saint Leo hosts the University of North Florida at home on Wednesday night. The first game of the doubleheader begins at 5 o'clock.

BASEBALL

Lions win Six Straight, No. 8 Again... The Saint Leo baseball is ranked No. 8 for the third straight week in the Collegiate Baseball Division II national poll released on Monday. The Lions won three more last week to extend their winning streak to six games. The streak was snapped on Monday afternoon with a loss at Warner Southern. The Lions' overall record now stands at 10-4.

Warner Southern 15, Saint Leo 1... Warner Southern tallied 21 hits as it halted the Saint Leo win streak at six games. The Lions were limited to five hits in the game. Greg Fusco scored the only run for Saint Leo in the third.

Saint Leo 10, West Florida 9... Second baseman Cayetano Landeros went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs to lead Saint Leo past West Florida on Friday night. Ryan Picard also drove in two runs for the Lions, who trailed 8-2 after two and a half innings. Toby Keys allowed three hits and struck out five in four and one-third innings of relief.

Saint Leo 3, West Florida 2... Ryan Picard's two-run home run in the bottom of the eighth was the difference as No. 8 Saint Leo (9-3) won its fifth straight on Thursday night. David Macca (3-0) tossed a complete game, giving up two runs on five hits and struck out three. Jared Crandon added two hits and a run scored for Saint Leo. Luis Ferreiro went 2-for-3 with a run scored for West Florida (5-2).

Saint Leo 3, Rollins 2 (10 innings)... Saint Leo squeaked by Rollins in Winter Park last Tuesday night. With runners on second and third and one out in the top of tenth, Rollins attempted to intentionally walk Ryan Picard. The second pitch to Picard was over the plate and he grounded it back to the pitcher. After the pitcher threw to first, Greg Fusco took off from third to score the game winner. Picard hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and finished the game 2-for-5. Bryan Grassing (2-0) won his second of the year by throwing one and two-thirds of no-hit ball.

No. 8 vs. No. 7.... Saint Leo starts Sunshine State Conference play this weekend with a three-game set against rival University of Tampa. It will be No. 7 Tampa against No. 8 Saint Leo with two games being played at Thomas B. Southard and one at Tampa. Saint Leo will host Tampa on Friday night at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday at 1 p.m. The teams meet on Saturday in Tampa at 7 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (12-13, 2-11)

Lions Continue Slide... The Saint Leo men's basketball team dropped two more last week, to bring its losing streak to eight games. The Lions fell to 12-13 overall and 2-11 in conference play.

Rollins 68, Saint Leo 61... Rollins shot 45 percent from the field and held Saint Leo to 30 percent as it defeated Saint Leo in Sunshine State Conference action on Saturday night at Saint Leo. In the final home game of his career, Brett Slaughter led the Lions with 15 points in the loss. Slaughter hit all six of his free throws but struggled from three-point range, hitting just 1-of-7 three's. Matt Hogarth came off the bench to score 14 while Daniel Palmer and James Turner added 12 apiece.

Lions Fall to Barry... B.J. Hill scored 14 points to lead Barry University to a 61-58 overtime victory over the Lions Wednesday night in Miami Shores. James Turner scored a game-high 20 points, including six three-point baskets to lead the Lions. Gary Downing added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Slaughter Career Point Watch... Brett Slaughter started the 1999-2000 season at No. 13 on the Saint Leo all-time career scoring list. The 6-6 native of Victoria, Australia has moved in to 5th all-time with 1550 career points. Slaughter recently passed Duane Fort (1984-88) who scored 1490 points. Next up is Ron Taylor (1985-90) at No. 4 with 1618 points. Slaughter played his final home game at Saint Leo on Saturday and was honored before the start of the game.

Lynn, then SSC Tourney... Saint Leo travels to Boca Raton this Wednesday for a 7:30 p.m. game against Lynn University. The Lions will then participate in the Sunshine State Conference Tournament at the Lakeland

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Center in Lakeland, FL. First round games will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27. The SSC Hall of Fame banquet will kick off the tournament on Feb. 26. Tickets for both the banquet and the tournament are available through the Saint Leo athletic department.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (5-20, 0-13)

Women Drop Two More in SSC Play... The Saint Leo women's basketball lost two more Sunshine State Conference games last week, dropping its overall record to 5-20 and its conference record to 0-13.

Rollins 86, Saint Leo 53... Jill Mitchell scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Rollins (23-2, 11-2) rolled to a Sunshine State Conference win over Saint Leo (5-20, 0-13). Jessica Walker also picked up a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Rollins held Saint Leo to 27 percent shooting from the field. Samantha Campbell came off the bench to lead Saint Leo with 15 points in the loss and Tasha Ealey added seven points, eight assists. Jill Razor (13) and Happy Montgomery (10) also scored in double figures.

Lions Fall to Barry... Nicole Johnson scored a game-high 19 points to lead Barry University to a victory over Saint Leo Wednesday night in Miami Shores. Angela Newson, Ashley Storm and Anthia Casanova scored eight points each to lead the Lions.

Stat Leaders... Senior guard Tasha Ealey remains the leader in the Sunshine State Conference in assists, dishing out 5.4 per game and also ranks ninth in steals. Junior guard Samantha Campbell is seventh in 3-point field goals made with 33, while freshman forward Ebony Winn is sixth in the SSC in rebounding (6.7 rpg) and junior forward Angela Newson (5.8 rpg) ninth overall. Sophomore forward Alison Lamb is sixth among the conference leaders in blocked shots at 1.1 per game.

Senior Night... Three Lions played the final home games of their careers on Saturday. Marilyn Brown, Deneicia Thomas and Tasha Ealey were honored before the start of the game against Rollins. Brown closed out a four-year career while Thomas and Ealey closed out two and one year stints respectively.

Lynn, then SSC Tourney... Saint Leo travels to Boca Raton this Wednesday for a 5:30 p.m. game against Lynn University. The Lions will then participate in the Sunshine State Conference Tournament at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, FL. First round games will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27. The SSC Hall of Fame banquet will kick off the tournament on Feb. 26. Tickets for both the banquet and the tournament are available through the Saint Leo athletic department.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (0-7)

Lions Drop Another... The Saint Leo women's tennis team fell to 0-7 on the season after a non-conference loss at Embry Riddle University Saturday afternoon in Daytona Beach. The Lions were swept in matches as host Embry Riddle posted a 9-0 victory.

Up next...The Lions will return to action Tuesday as they travel to Florida Southern College for a Sunshine State Conference match at 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS (0-7)

Lions Drop Two... The Saint Leo men's tennis team fell to 0-7 on the season after a Sunshine State Conference loss at Rollins College on Wednesday afternoon in Winter Park and a non-conference loss at Embry-Riddle University Saturday afternoon in Daytona Beach. Both teams completed a sweep of matches in victories over the Lions.

Up Next... The Lions return to action Friday as they host St. Thomas University in a non-conference match at 2:30 p.m. Saint Leo concludes the week at home as they host Rollins College in a Sunshine State Conference match Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

SPRING SOCCER

Lions Win Two, Defeat DI UF... In spring soccer action at Saint Leo University on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, the men's soccer team won a pair of matches. In game one, John Quinn scored two goals to lead the Lions past the Gators of the University of Florida, 3-2. In the second game the Lions blanked the Florida Southern College Mocs, 3-0, behind two more goals from Quinn. Jody Keller picked up the shutout in goal, having to make just one save. Sean Barrett picked up a pair of goals, scoring one in each contest.

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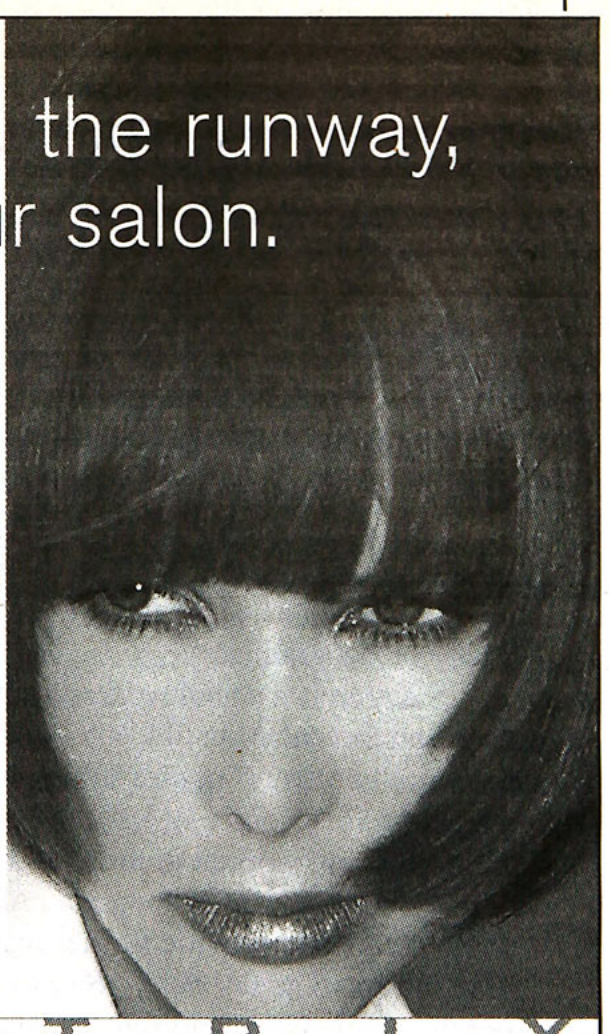
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MONTHLY HOROSCOPES

Pisces, *Pair of Fish*-February 19th-March 20th
School/Work-Call home; you'll be glad you did.
Love-You're going to meet Mr. or Ms. Right in the most unexpected place.

Aries, *Ram*-March 21st-April 19th
School/Work-Don't worry about your grades. They'll go up…eventually.
Love-Someone is watching you, so shine.

Taurus, *Bull*-April 20th-May 20th
School/Work-Get involved in activities; you might be missing out on a new adventure.
Love-Be yourself and you'll catch that special someone's eye.

Gemini, *Twins*-May 21st-June 20th
School/Work-Don't miss any classes this week; something important is coming up.
Love-Stop wasting time on old crushes; someone else has his eye on you.

Cancer, *Crab*-June 21st-July 22nd
School/Work-One of your professors will notice your outstanding abilities in class.
Love- Don't forget to smile; it increases your chances

Leo, *Lion*-July 23rd-August 22nd
School/Work-Be aware of surprise quizzes.
Love-Don't limit yourself: you can do so much better.

Virgo, *Virgin*-August 23rd-September 22nd
School/Work-It's better to study at least a little than not at all.
Love-Your talent will attract a special someone.

Libra, *Scales*-September 23rd-October 22nd
School/Work-Don't get too drained out with school and work; enjoy the sun.
Love-. Don't let your crush tie you down.

Scorpio, *Scorpion*-October 23rd-November 21st
School/Work-Always go with your first answer on your upcoming test.
Love-Don't worry too much; love will come to you at the right time.

Sagittarius, *Archer*-November 22nd-December 21st
School/Work-Don't procrastinate; your paper will be due before you know it.
Love-Watch out; your significant other is up to something.

Capricorn, *Goat*-Decmeber 22nd-January 19th
School/Work-Spring break is just around the corner…hang in there!
Love-keep your eyes open; someone special will show up when you least expect it.

Aquarius, *Water Bearer*-January 20th-Febuary 18th
School/Work-Follow your dreams; anything is possible with commitment and hard work.
Love-You will meet someone special over Spring Break.

Alumni Profile: Karen Ayers-Simmons

Dr. Baglione
Advisor

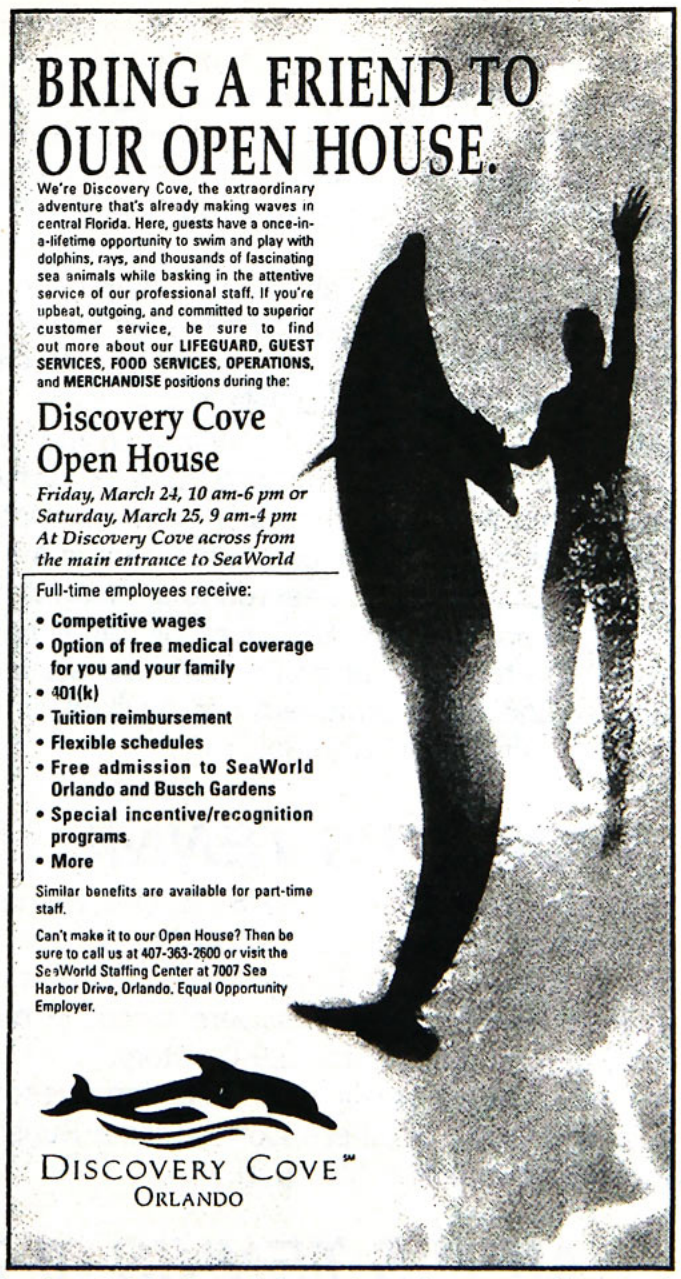
Domestic violence, sexual assault, physical abuse: these words evoke society's worst. For Karen Ayers-Simmons, however, they offer the opportunity to spread the compassion, professionalism, and assistance that she learned as a social work major at Saint Leo University (1998 graduate).

Karen is a social worker at Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center where she provides "the humanity to clients" in dire straits, while others in the organization focus on legal issues.

Having worked in the field for three years before entering college, Karen sought a program that would polish her skills and provide further insight into the problems she encountered daily. Saint Leo offered that and more: a challenging program that offered almost individual training and always the right mix of professionalism and empathy. The program, according to Karen, is an embodiment of its faculty, especially Dr. McInnis and Dr. Durst whose style, open communication, and ethical behavior she has modeled in her job.

Karen has returned to SLU many times to speak on domestic violence and its impact on children. She applauds the school for generating awareness about these issues for, through awareness, Karen believes there is change and hope for the future.

Karen's own future includes pursuing a master's degree in the field of social work and eventually obtaining a license as a social worker. From there she plans to start her own practice. Given her background, she will probably attain that and more.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March 2000 Calendar

12th: Spring Break Ends; Student Mass: Church of the Holy Cross 7pm; Men's Baseball vs. University of Massachusetts-Lowell: Home 1pm; SLU Women's Softball Invitational Tourna ment: TBA; Residence Halls Open: 10am

13th: Good Samaritan Involvement Day; SGU Meeting: CH8 4pm; Midterm Grades Issued; Intramural Championship Basketball Tournament Starts; Women's Tennis vs. St. Cloud State: Home 2:30pm; Famous Women's Poster Contest Begins; Illusion of Fusion: Virtual Reality Outside McDonald Cen- ter

14th: Men's Tennis vs. Averett College: Home 2:30pm; Intramural Golf: 3:30pm; Springo Bingo: 9pm in the Cage

15th: Ides of March; Caesar Salad in the Cage; Selby Cinema: 9pm; Men's Baseball vs. American International College: Home 7pm; Men's Tennis vs. Florida Southern College: Home 2:30pm; Trip to Wal-Mart: 6pm; Lakefront Open: 2-5pm

16th: **Alumni Weekend**; Deadline for Receipt of Late Registration of FTCE/ CLAST with Late Fee; Men's Baseball vs. American International College: Home 7pm; Women's Softball vs. Molloy: Home 5pm; Greek Council Meeting: CH 5:15pm; Comedian Mike Koleman: Marmion/Snyder 9pm

17th: **Alumni Weekend**; St. Patrick's Day--Celebrate with Alumni, Time Warp, 7pm; Organization Welcome Alumni; Last Day to Withdraw from Courses without Fee; Intramural Soccer Team Entries Deadline; Sailing Lessons: Lake 3-5pm; Men's Baseball vs. Barry: Home 7pm

18th: **Alumni Weekend**; Trip to Ringling Museum: Bus Leaves at 12pm; Gala 2000 Dinner Formal: McDonald Center 8pm; Men's Baseball vs. Barry: Home 7pm; Women's Softball vs. Rollins College: Home 6pm; Lakefront Open: 1-5pm

19th: Student Mass: Church of the Holy Cross 7pm; Men's Baseball vs. Barry: Home 7pm; Welcome Spring Trip to Clearwater Beach: Van Leaves at 12pm

20th: First Day of Spring; "Get Springy With It": Jammin Joe Wiley Outside of Cage; SGU Meeting: CH8 4:30pm; Intramurals Soccer Captain's Meeting: Activity Center 6pm; Women of Hender- son Hall: Henderson 8pm

21st: Intramurals Soccer Clinic: Activity Center 6pm; Did You Know? Handouts for Women's History Month; Men's Tennis vs. Towson University: Home 2:30pm; Intramural Golf: 3:30pm; Miss Saigon: TBPA Bus Leaves at 6pm; Step Aerobics: Activity Center 8pm

22nd: Intramurals Soccer Tournament Starts; Women's Softball vs. Florida Southern College: Home 6pm; Women's Poster Contest Winners Announced: McDonald Center; SGU Elections; Lake- front Open: 2-5pm

23rd: Ladies Night in the Cage: 9pm; Theatre Playhouse 90 presents "Hawthorne in Hell" and "Acting Class"; SGU Elections; Greek Council Meeting: CH 5:15pm

24th: Theatre Playhouse 90 "Hawthorne in Hell" and "Acting Class"; Artist and Musician Brian Bertucci: Cage 9pm; Sailing Lessons: Lake 3-5pm; Men's Tennis vs. Binghamton University: Home 2:30pm

25th: Open House; Walk-A-Thon; Mardi Gras at Universal Studios: Bus Leaves at 6pm; Lakefront Open: 2-5pm

26th: Student Mass: Church of the Holy Cross 7pm; Pool Party: 1pm

27th: SGU Meeting: CH8 4:30; Women's Tennis vs. University of Delaware: Home 2:30pm; Men's Tennis vs. University of Delaware: Home 2:30pm; Band-Toaster12: Cage 9pm

28th: Intramural Golf: 3:30pm; Step Aerobics: Actvity Center 8pm

29th: Selby Cinema: 9pm; Lakefront Open: 2-5pm

30th: Women's Tennis vs. Embry Riddle: Home 2:30pm; Men's Tennis vs. Embry Riddle: Home 2:30pm; Greek Council Meeting: CH 5:15pm; Step Aerobics: Activity Center 8pm

31st: Non-Greek Stepshow: Marmion Bowman Activities Center; Sailing Lessons: Lake 3-5pm

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- Prologue of the Rule of Saint Benedict

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